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HIGHLIGHTS

November 11: Veterans Day- **Holiday.**

November 22: Last day to drop with a "W." Letter grade required beyond this date.

Free HIV Testing offered Thursday, Nov. 14 & Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Absolutely Anonymous! For more info, call the Student Health Clinic (818) 780-0652.

Valley College **Student Health Clinic** is offering flu shots for students and employees, for $5. per person. Call (818) 780-0652 for more info.

Join SM Astronomy Club President Jed Laderman as he presents "The Milky Way From 41,000 Feet." Planetarium show held @ Valley College Planetarium Friday, Nov. 15 @ 8 p.m. For more info, call (818) 781-1200 ext.335.

The next **Monarch's Football Game- Homecoming,** Valley College vs. Moorpark College, at Valley College, is scheduled for this Saturday @ 7 p.m.

The Homecoming Pre-Game is scheduled for this Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a barbecue and parade, see related article page 5.

ASU Commissioner of Athletics needs volunteers to hand out flyers, to sell snacks at the pre-game. Call Maggie Riley for more info. (818) 513-7575.

The next **Water Polo** game is the Southern California Playoffs scheduled for this Friday and Saturday at Long Beach, all day.

"Transferring to the University of California" is the next **Lunch Time Workshop** open to all students. Fay Dea will offer the workshop Thursday, Nov. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. @ FL 102.

The Writing Center invites students to attend **Free Writing Workshops.** Workshops include: Developing Paragraphs; Subject Verb Agreement; and Eng. 28 Essay Test Prep. Workshops and information in Humanities 100.

Bye Bye Birdie Musical Comedy, presented by Valley College Theatre Arts Dept. continues tonight thru Saturday night promptly at 8 p.m. Gen admission $9.; Students $5. For reservations, call (818) 778-0353.

The Adventures of Captain Neato-Man production show will be Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 8 p.m. & Friday, Nov. 15 @ 1 & 8 p.m. in the Valley College Lab Theatre. Admission is free.

Titanic is the next theater arts production, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21 & Friday, Nov. 22. For time and place, call (818) 778-0353.

Valley College groups & organizations may submit flyers and other information to be printed in HIGHLIGHTS. Submit info. to B25 by noon on the Monday of the week of publication.

Nelson Mabilog/Special to Valley Star

Clinton/Gore supporters show their enthusiasm at the California Democratic Convention.

Results for California

Election '96

	DISTRICT	VOTES	PERCENTAGE	
President				
Bill Clinton (D)	America	4,640,703	51.5	
Bob Dole (R)		3,413,863	37.9	
Congress				
James Rogan (R)	27th	54,642	49.9	
Howard Berman (D)	26th	61,963	66	
State Senate				
Tom Hayden (D)	23rd	157,486	58.9	
Adam Schiff (R)	21st	112,972	52.1	
State Assembly				
Scott Wildman (D)	43rd	44,797	48.6	
Jack Scott (D)	44th	65,034	53.2	
Wally Knox (R)	42nd	79,419	66.1	
Propositions				
AA: LACCD Lighting and Landscaping: **NO**	**209** Civil Rights Initiative: **YES**	**213** Uninsured Drivers: **YES**	**215** Medical Marijuana: **YES**	**214/216** Health Care: **NO**

Dean's Tea Gets an Impressive Turnout

By ADAM ADLER
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College Dean's Tea filled Monarch Hall to capacity yesterday afternoon with Dean's List recipients from a list twice the size of the semester before.

Admiring faculty, administration, family, and friends joined those being honored in Valley College's 92nd Dean's tea. 1,489 Students in total who had a grade point average of 3.5 in the Spring 1996 semester made the Dean's List. Even with all the recipients not in attendance the event made a very large showing. Speakers at the event could not say enough about the hard work and dedication it took for the students to make the list.

This was the first semester that the 3.5 GPA requirement was used. Previously the GPA of 3.6 was used to determine eligibility. Yasmin Delahoussaye, dean of Student Services, said the standard was changed to bring it into accordance with the Los Angles Community College District Board's policy.

The ceremony was opened with a few words from Dr. Gloria Romero, a member of the Community College District Board of Trustees. Romero congratulated the Dean's list honorees and encouraged them to continue with their hard work. "I think it really speaks to your dedication and commitment," she said. Romero also encouraged the students to keep working with the college faculty, whom she said were excellent, as she graduated from a community college herself.

Valley College President Tyree Wieder congratulated the honorees on the hard work it took for them to make the list. Wieder gave a reminder them that the hard work would pay off. "The time that you are here is to prepare you for going out into the world to work," she said. She also said that the honorees should be thankful that the college faculty has put them through so much hard work.

The featured speakers were Dr. Al Zucker and Robert Lane who spoke about the upcoming introduction of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to campus. Zucker will be the faculty advisor and Lane will be the president to the new chapter of the honor society here on campus.

Dr. Zucker gave a history of scholastic honor societies and explained how Phi Theta Kappa came about. Lane spoke about the benefits of joining Phi Theta Kappa. He said joining would bring scholarship and transfer opportunities in addition to graduation honors. Lane also said that the new members would be in the first Phi Theta Chapter in Valley College's history.

The presentation of the Dean's list was made by Jose Alvarez, president of TAE. Alvarez first ask those who made the Dean's list for the first time to stand up. He then asked those who made the list for the second time to stand up and continued in that manner. By the time he reached the five times and over only two honorees were able to stand. Alvarez also recognized honorees that were mistakenly left off the list. asking those not mentioned to stand up to get special recognition. Barbara Stoffer, professor of African- American Studies, helped from the audience by pointing out two other honorees that had been over looked.

The Dean's tea was concluded with a rendition of *Wind Beneath My Wings* sung by TAE member Ann Marie Posito. The song was dedicated to the parents who stood behind the honorees to recognize that no one stands alone.

Two Dean's List honorees take time to chat before the ceremony.

New Honors in Store for Valley College Students this Semester

By ADAM ADLER
STAFF WRITER

A new opportunity for Valley College students is coming later this month when a chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society opens on campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is the sister society to Phi Beta Kappa, the four-year university honor society. Like its better known companion, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes outstanding students, but at the two-year college level. This is the first semester this honor society will be offered at Valley College. Its introduction will offer qualifying students scholarships, transfer opportunities and other benefits.

"It's an honors society and not a club," said Robert Lane, president of the new Phi Theata Kappa chapter. Lane said that one of the things that will set Phi Theta Kappa apart from Tau Alpha Epsilon is funding for scholarships. While TAE has to hold fund raisers to raise its scholarship money, Phi Theta Kappa program's are prefunded. It receives funding from universities and corporations. One Phi Theta Kappa scholarship offers $3,000 to $5,000 for over 330 colleges.

Lane also said that Phi Theta Kappa will not replace TAE. Students that qualify for both will be able to hold membership in both organizations. TAE is a school club while Phi Theta Kappa is an honors organization. Both can exist independently of each other.

The two programs are similar but still have their differences. Phi Theta Kappa has higher entrance requirements. TAE attendance and participation requirements are more strict. Phi Theta Kappa will have college and community service programs like TAE. Without the emphasis on scholarship fundraisers, Phi Theta Kappa will be able to concentrate more on community service.

"What's great about Phi Theta Kappa is once you become a member, it's the top of the honors associations," said Lane. "They have a really good support system when transferring to a university."

Phi Theta Kappa has additional scholarship and award programs. Members can apply for the Guistwhite Scholarship where the ten finalists each receive $5,000 scholarships for the completion of a baccalaureate degree. The All-USA Academic Team is a competition where two members are nominated by their college president to compete as outstanding students. Twenty winners are selected for the All-USA Academic First Team and share $50,000 in scholarship awards. Phi Theta Kappa has several more scholarships and awards for their members.

Additional benefits for members include a Phi Theta Kappa stamp on transcripts, a gold seal for diplomas, the "Gold Key" emblem pin, a honor tassel and stole with Phi Theta Kappa monogrammed in Greek to wear at graduation.

Members will also receive a subscription to the society's newsletter, annual journal, college transfer directory and a chance to be published in a yearly society anthology. Phi Theta Kappa conferences on interdisciplinary topics are held annually with noted speakers, such as Tom Brokaw and workshops for members.

The Valley College chapter name will be Beta Delta Sigma, which was designated by the Phi Theta Kappa headquarters in Jacksonville, Miss. To be eligible, students must have completed 30 units at Valley College, have a grade point average of at least 3.5 and be currently enrolled. The chapter also requires that members maintain a 3.5 GPA while they are members. The Faculty adviser will be Dr. Al Zucker from the English Department.

An orientation meeting for Phi Theta Sigma will be held in Monarch Hall on Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. Applications to join will be available and applicants are required to bring a copy of their temporary transcripts to show eligibility.

Lane said after the members are selected, an induction ceremony will be held at the end of the semester. The ceremony will formally induct the new members into the society and teach them about its customs and traditions. "It's really nice," he said. "We do a whole ceremony in the dark with candles and it's a really interesting way to bring everybody in."

Valley College Speech Team is London Bound

By L. E. THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The L.A.V.C. Speech Team has already enjoyed tremendous success this school year. They have traveled the state competing in public speaking tournaments and won first place in a recent competition.

The team will compete at the National Championships against 130 Jr. Colleges from around the nation in Minneapolis this April, after which they will be nationally ranked.

Most impressively, the team has been honored with an invitation to compete in the International Championships in London, England next Spring. Valley College has never before been selected to compete on an international level.

Participating students choose and develop their own topics based upon the type of speech being judged. Each event requires a different type of speech, from analytical to dramatic interpretation.

The team is open to all students at Valley College regardless of their major and participants may receive directed study credits.

The next local competition will be held at CSUN November 16-17. The Fall Championships will be at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA December 7-8. The Spring Championships will be at Valley College in February.

For more information or to join the team or attend an event, contact Yancey Duncan at 778-0251.

OPINION

Forced Castration: Barbarism or Justice?

Finally, we can deprive molesters of their weapon, their sex-drive.

By MONICA LID
STAFF WRITER

One of the most horrific crimes is the destruction of a child's innocence. In experiencing a lewd act, every bit of trust a child ever had is take away, shattered by an adult with a sick and twisted mind.

Often enough we hear of neighborhoods being terrorized by a child molester, with parents worrying day and night for the safety of their children. Whole communities are held in a terrorizing grip by a single individual.

To put an end to these sleepless nights, there is a new bill which will go into effect in January 1997. The bill mandates that any pedophile convicted twice for molesting children 13 years or younger will receive post-prison drug treatment which will reduce their testosterone to a pre-pubescent level. Another option, though voluntary, is surgical castration.

I opt for the last solution. At least this is a permanent way of castration. The effects will not wear off, which is likely to happen if an offender stops receiving injections.

What we have to remember is that a chemical treatment is not a permanent solution nor an end to all child molestation. It is a step in the right direction. It is a hell of a lot better than sending a convicted child molester back out on the street with a fully intact lust for children.

Opponents claim these forms of treatment are barbaric acts; what is more barbaric than the act the molester committed against a child who easily could have been a member of your family.

We, as a society, need to do everything in our power to keep these monsters from re-offending.

If castration, whether chemical or surgical, is a possible solution, I cannot understand how anybody in their right mind would oppose it. It seems that this, in conjunction with counseling, is the only way to treat habitual child molesters.

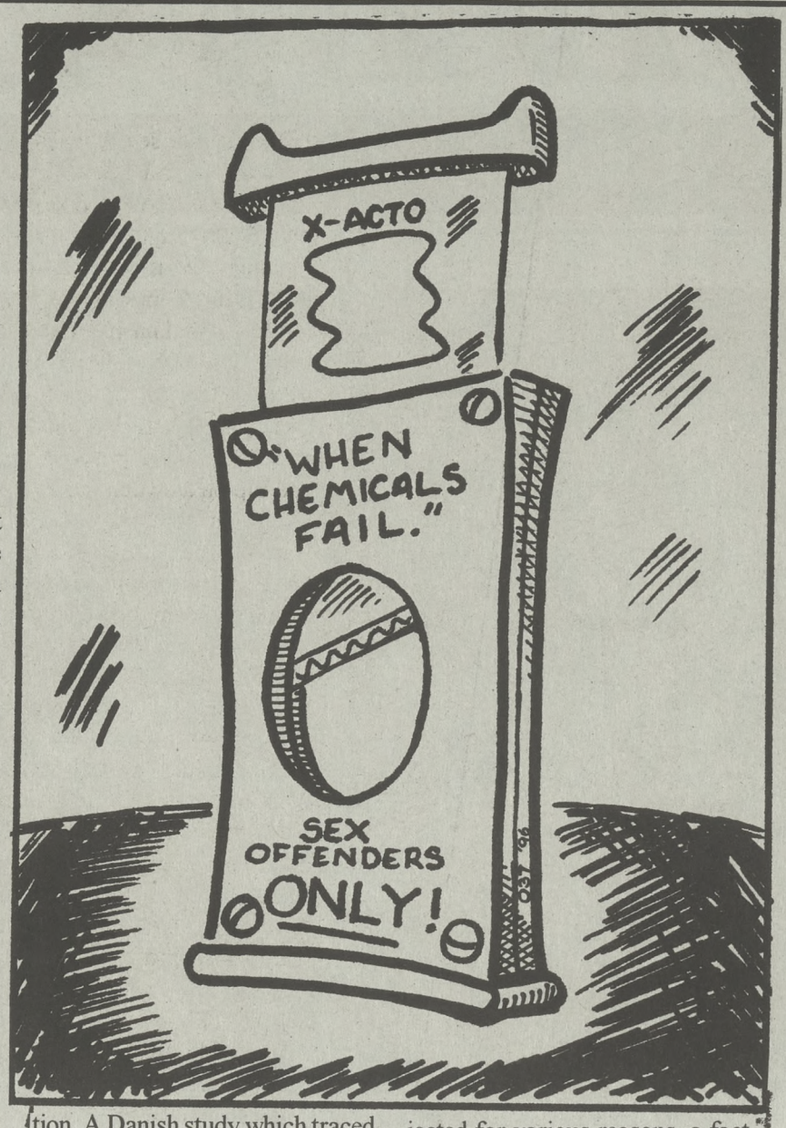
The fact that children are being forced to endure violent and degrading acts is too big of a problem for us to turn our backs on.

Even though castration is a new procedure in the United States, the practice of both chemical and surgical castration have been successfully used in several European countries for years. A Swiss study of 121 castrated offenders found that the rate of re-offending dropped to 4.1 percent compared to 76.9 percent before the operation. A Danish study which traced as many as 900 castrated sex offenders (over a period of 30 years), found that recidivism rates dropped to 2.2 percent.

There are several sex offenders who have come forward and requested castration, starting in 1992 with Steve Allen Butler, a previously convicted child rapist.

Since then, several have been rejected for various reasons, a fact that I think is hard to justify. If castration, medical or surgical, can stop one single molester from ruining the life of another child, it is definitely worth it.

With this being an option, medicine and science needs to be called into action, because if society can be made safer by such means, we are obligated to use them.



Let the Punishment Fit the Crime

By JOHN TARR
STAFF WRITER

Communities have cried out for more effective methods of controlling the release and monitoring of sex offenders. Technology couldn't cut it with electronic monitoring so science invented chemical castration.

So-called "sex crimes" are not crimes of sex, they are crimes of violence and dominance. Shrinking a man's sex drive will not reduce the cause of his behavior. His resentment of women will increase. Chemical castration is yet another example of a short-sighted, bureaucratic attempt to solve the problem by eliminating the effect.

From the war on drugs and gang violence to national fiscal policies, the government has approached problems attempting only to soothe public outcry avoid examining the root of the problem.

The time is over for treating sex offenders as if they paid their dues and all is forgiven. Perpetrators of these crimes should be executed, purging society of a cancerous growth.

Every time children are molested or young women are raped, their lives have been changed forever. The victims have been emotionally scarred for life. Their view and perception of the world was forcibly altered in a way which cannot be forgotten.

Advocates of chemical castration hail their discovery as a tremendous step in decreasing the frequency of repeat sex offenders. They applaud themselves for the humane fashion in which they solved the problem, being careful not to violate the rights of the criminal.

Far too many people are molested and raped by repeat offenders released by a "correctional institution" after "paying" their debt to society.

It is ridiculous to allow this problem to continue without taking action toward a permanent solution. Crimes of this magnitude are an offense to the human race and should not be tolerated. The sick and twisted perpetrator damaged all of humanity, and therefore should forfeit his life.

If sex offenders are not executed for their crimes, this country needs to stop it from before it happens.

The solution lies in the first few years of a child's life. America's youth will become the sex offenders of tomorrow if nothing is done. Children need to be taught how to live and interact with others as well as memorize state capitals.

It is time to spend the money on the people, not the problem.

Get the Big Picture

By L. E. THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Religious prejudice is perhaps the most ignorant yet impassioned of all prejudice.

Certainly, the Jewish people have suffered more persecution throughout history than perhaps any other ethnic group on the face of this earth. Such persecution continues even today - on this campus - which was clearly exhibited by the burning of the Jewish Sukkah last month. Along with many others, I have a deep compassion for the plight of the Jewish, and all persecuted peoples.

If an instructor was to announce open and blatant anti-Semitic jokes and statements before a classroom of students, there would certainly be an outcry, an outrage, and I would join them in that objection. An instant labeling of "anti-Semite" might possibly cost that professor his or her job.

The mind-set that "prejudice deserves prejudice" will only spiral another generation down the road of gripping racism.

The fact of the matter is, I have the unfortunate displeasure of being subject to, by an instructor, at least one derogatory statement or joke each class - not against Jews, not against Asians or Hispanics (which would be equally as wrong), but against Christians.

This is not the first instructor from which I have heard such classroom prejudice. Like most prejudice, it is based upon ignorance. Not only are such comments offensive, they are inaccurate. I don't care how many degrees you have, such prejudice is ignorance gone to seed.

One instructor comes from an ethnic background wherein he has suffered many wounds. Since he has shared virtually his life story with the class, it is evident that he bears the scars of ethnic prejudice. It seems, however, in fighting religious bigots all of his life, he may have become one.

He, of course, has the right to harbor whatever opinions he has however wrong or right they may be - it is, however, entirely inappropriate for him to use the classroom as a podium to voice them. We, as students, are sitting under instruction, not personal unrelated opinion and jest.

Each week, like clockwork, an anti-Christian story or joke rolls out. What will it be tonight? The students' faces look uncomfortable. Some laugh a little nervously at the jokes, others do not laugh at all.

There are Christians in the class. Is he aiming his prejudice at them? Does he know who they are? Or is he just swept into his own prejudices and completely unaware of what he is doing. Instructors have to be more aware of what they are doing in an age of sexual harassment and ethnic intolerances. The fact is they have a responsibility to be more aware.

Does he realize that Christians, as well as Jews and Muslims, are dying for their faith right now, somewhere in the world. Horrific persecutions, tortures and murders are taking place today, such as in China and Sudan, just because people are Christians, just because of their faith. Whoever

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the individuals or governments are that are inflicting the persecutions are clearly wrong. It would seem that especially people from ethnic or religious backgrounds would realize this.

We're not in Sudan. We're not in Palestine. We are in Los Angeles, California, a city that is perhaps more ethnically diverse than any on this planet, in a nation that is supposed to be striving for ethnic appreciation and tolerance to abolish hatred between people groups. Such efforts have become synonymous with the American Dream, stirred by such great leaders as Martin Luther King, Jr.

We, as a city, have suffered through the riots and the burnings, and one attack after another on the "group of the hour." It's time to be an instrument of peace not perpetuation. Look around you and you will see many differences, many who are not like you; but, they are like you in the most important way in this nation - they are equal. Bashing them is not a reflection on them, it is a reflection on the sort of person the basher has become.

Jokes and put-downs against the Jewish, Christian or any religious peoples will only further our problems, and especially has no place by an instructor in the classroom.

Teachers often do not realize their power of influence, or, do they? Persecutions begin with jokes. I do not mean to suggest an overly dramatic end to teachers' jesting, however, the principle rings true.

The mind-set that "prejudice deserves prejudice" will only spiral another generation down the road of gripping racism. It's time to break free and realize that prejudice in any direction will only tighten the grip.

It may be more popular today to be anti-Christian than anti-something-else. However, if people would just step back and see the big picture of things, they would see that one is no better nor right than the other. All prejudice, in any direction, contributes another brick to the wall between peoples and adds another branch to the fire of hatred.

What's Wrong With You, Anyway?

By JOHN TARR
STAFF WRITER

Well, the election is over and the results have been tallied and yet another dismal voter turnout was recorded, only 49 percent nationwide. To start with, anybody who didn't vote has no right to complain or whine about the way things are. If people would take the mere five minutes to fill out a voter registration card and another 15 minutes to actually vote, then they have a right to say something.

Unfortunately, people actually voted for the incumbent and incompetent Bill "Slick Willie" Clinton. What's wrong with people? If the man can't be trusted to be faithful to his wife, how can he be expected to be faithful to his country? He can't. He proved that when he went to England to protest the Vietnam War, conveniently eluding the draft.

If character is no longer an issue which influences people's vote, something is wrong with America.

Daniel Schorr of National Public Radio said it best, "Nobody loved Clinton, but nobody hated Dole." That is what it has come down to, deciding between the lesser of two evils. Wake up America! It does not need to be this way.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my frustration at the lack of respect for the no-smoking rule.

I have observed a number of red signs hanging overhead, indicating clearly that smoking is prohibited in the corridor and in front of buildings. Yet, when I pass through every day, the whole area is filled with smoke. It angers me to see students standing directly under the signs, smoking and socializing, without any regard for the rules or the health of others. Then, I am forced to inhale it, and spend time coughing unnecessarily.

As a student of acupuncture/ Chinese medicine, I have learned that low, deep breathing is the key to a long life. Negative emotions are stored in the internal organs. The particular emotion associated with the lungs is sadness, and if they are jammed up with toxins, the result will be repressed feelings, inability to cry or let go, etc. This creates an energetic imbalance that affects the entire system, and in turn, the individuals life and those around him/her. As the Tao Te Ching says, "A gigantic tree starts as just a tiny seed."

It would be nice to see the campus police patrol the area during passing periods, making sure it stays smoke-free. And for those who are so nicotine-dependent, I suggest you get some smokeless tobacco and enjoy pure chewing satisfaction!

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Bye Bye Birdie Really Flies

Roobik Nazarian/ Valley Star

The Valley College Theater Arts Department will be performing the musical comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie" through Saturday on the main stage at the Theater Arts building. It opened on Halloween night. Above, cast members warm up their voices before performing.

By L. E. THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Los Angeles Valley College Theatre Arts Department opened their musical comedy production of "Bye Bye Birdie" last week to a near full house. Birdie, for the most part, sings a winning tune.

Go with a serious mood, and it will soon fly south. The thankfully better-than-high-school production offers loads of laughs and schmaltzy music.

As the story goes: Albert, a New York City music agent and his unhappy Spanish amore, Rose, take 50's rock-n-roll idol Conrad Birdie to Sweet Apple, Ohio with a scheme to boost Birdie's stardom.

Screaming teenagers swooning over Birdie and boisterous musical numbers dominate the show.

The orchestra music was remarkably good, a pleasant surprise for a less than professional production. Majorie Vander Hoff's vaudeville style choreography fits the show and is executed well by the talented cast.

The shining star of the production was undoubtedly Mr. (yes, Mr.) Alaa Khaled's wonderfully exaggerated performance of Albert's Jewish mother. Khaled was without question the audience favorite and charmed a standing ovation.

Christopher Lee Barnes was terrific as the lead, Albert Peterson. Barnes, a hopeful future-pro, probably gave the most polished and professional performance of the bunch. It's his first semester at Valley, and, well, I think he's got it - talent and then some. And, most importantly, he's very funny.

Maggie Storm, a professional actress, served well as the disheartened and intelligent Rose. Her strong musical comedy singing voice and professional dance talent added to the production, as did Amy Collett as the energetic and clear-voiced ingenue, Kim MacAfee.

Colin Miller really had those black leather Elvis moves down as the strutting Birdie, though not the strongest singer. Lucinda Iblings deserves special note as a delightfully animated and dynamic Ursula Merkle. Mark Stevens was funny, professional and made the most of his role as Mr. MacAfee. The zany teen chorus was appropriately perky and nerdy.

There were no noticeable line flubs, no dead pan moments, and just a few places where the dialog got a bit draggy.

The skeletal sets and slide projections were a good idea and worked; but, the MacAfee house set did not. Maybe it's a matter of funding, but, dress a set right or leave it to the imagination.

A few sound mishaps and stage exits could tighten up, and some makeup was too heavy-handed. The lighting was inadequate and I was tempted to run to the back and flip on a switch.

The performances, however, were certainly entertaining, and that's what is most important. But, let me see them, please!

Community audience members said this was one of the best productions they had seen from Valley. The audience laughed a lot, a good sign they were definitely being entertained.

A few students complained of "too flat' characters, but come on, this is not Shakespeare. It's a cheesy, tongue-in-cheek musical made up of practically cartoon characters. It's meant for fun and laughs, not brain surgery.

They could have cut a slow song or two, and although the Shriner Club dance scene was good, it was too long and could have been cut in half.

Director Peter Parkin's talents were evident by good timing, staging and humor. Parkin voiced pride over his troupe of musical thespians, mostly Valley Collegiate Players.

The cast and crew said they enjoyed doing Birdie because, aside from hard work, it was just pure fun. Their fun came across. I hope they can keep it up through the run.

Come and catch the Birdie for its last performances tonight, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. $5 for students, $9 other. Call (818) 778-0353 for reservations.

They Lost Their Head

By MONICA LID
STAFF WRITER

Chris Frantz, Jerry Harrison, and Tina Weymouth of The Heads, the offshoot of the now defunct Talking Heads, have this time put their respective producing careers on hold to obviously try and recapture the sounds and vibes of the CB GB-era with a new album: "No Talking Just Heads." So far so good, the only ingredient missing is David Byrne.

The trio have made an attempt to replace their former lead singer by inviting an ensemble of acclaimed artists to write lyrics for their new tunes.

This is a formula that smelled of success; that was until I played the album. Big question: have The Heads set out on an impossible mission trying to find the success of Talking Heads without their trademark David Byrne? I think so.

This album, "No Talking Just Heads," is a far cry from the original sound, so if anyone is expecting the antics of the Talking Heads, you'll have a better chance picking up "Sand in the Vaseline."

But don't get me wrong, this album also possesses a few qualities, fine musicians is one. Frantz, Harrison and Weymouth can still handle their instruments. Their biggest problem though, is they have chosen too many different lyricists/singers as contributors. A compilation album can be well and good, but this album goes in far too many different directions. It lacks a sense of completeness.

With songs ranging from a so-called macabre alternative sound with the opening track, "Damage I've Done" with Johnette Napolitano (Concrete Blonde) through the "club beat" in "Papersnow" with Andy Partridge (Sting wannabe), to Debbie Harry, industrial style, with "No Talking Just Heads."

The bottom line is, The Heads are obviously playing it safe trying to capture every music style that's been considered hip during the last two decades.

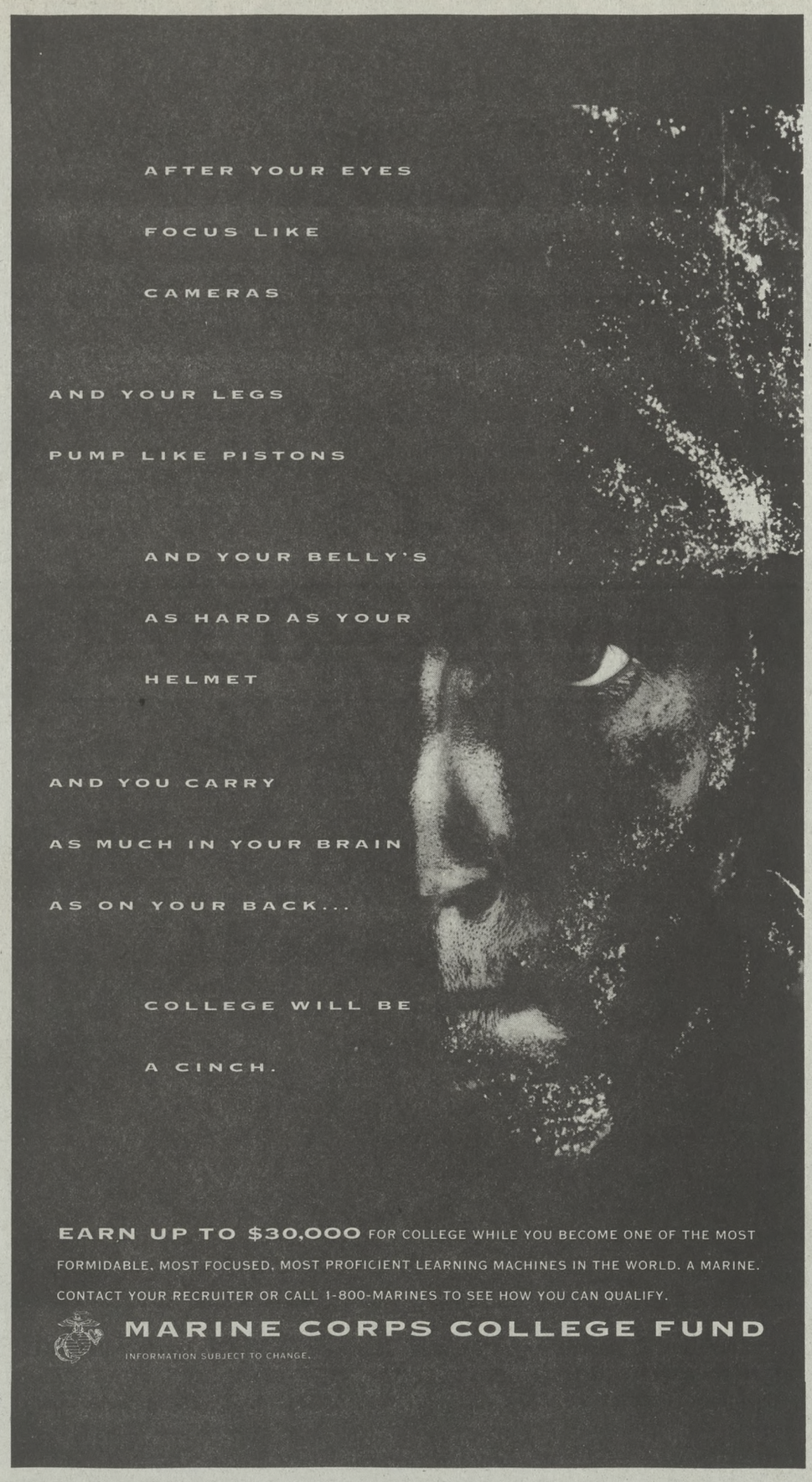
Apparently, this album is a desperate attempt to reach the entire diverse audience that is currently out there. It's sad to say, but The Heads have lost every spark of originality and creativity they ever had.

The Talking Heads created a new sound and influenced so many people and now, The Heads have taken a step backward, trying to learn from the people who learned from them.

I doubt anyone would even like this album listening with a fresh ear, unexposed to the real Talking Heads. Then again, sometimes flops like this can become a huge success.

If you are beyond "diaper age" on the other hand, you can distinguish between quality and shoddy work. This is just not worth your time.

The Heads Courtesy of MCA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Cougars Shutout by Monarchs 52-0

For the fourth straight week, Monarch football opponents have bowed to the royal Valley power.

By JENNIFER CORTESE
STAFF WRITER

Continuing their exhibition of dominance, the Monarchs rolled over another hapless opponent to the tune of 52-0, defeating the Southwest Cougars in Saturday night's home game.

Monarch quarterback Dave Lins started the game completing 13 of 16 passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns. Taking over at quarterback, Tom Racius made 3 of 8 for 29 yards, followed by Bryan Paul with his break of 7 for 10, 99 yards and one TD. The Monarchs easily moved the ball throughout the game steadily peppering the Cougars until the second half when they were held to one field goal.

Eric Ruhle, Monarchs leading receiver, hooked five passes for 151 yards and three TD's while Eric Carpenter snatched four for 77 yards Ruhle's 1,500 all-purpose yards take him to number six on the all-time list. Linebacker Damion Thompson made nine tackles, seven unassisted.

Running back Marcus Harvey (2,922), on his fourth carry of the evening, bombarded his way through the Monarch all-time all-purpose rushing record set by Dondre Bausley (2,810) in 1987. Harvey proceeded to carry 13 times for 149 yards and three touchdowns. Monarch back-up running back Adrian Peters scored on a 26-yard rushing touchdown bringing the score to 49-0 at half-time.

The Monarchs, which were without their defensive lineman Vincent Carthron because of an injury in the third quarter, did whatever they could do to stop the Cougars in the second half which began to look pretty grim for the Monarchs, with Jose Cortez scoring only one field goal during the second half bringing the final score to 52-0.

This Saturday, the Monarchs welcome the Moorpark College Raiders for one of the most crucial, critical games of the 1996 season. This is the Monarchs homecoming and they will attempt to shut the Raiders down.

Last season, the two rivals met, both undefeated in the division, the Monarchs dominated the Raiders 31-17. The Monarchs (6-1) hold a ranking of number four in the state, while Moorpark (7-0) holds number eight.

HOMECOMING TAILGATER ALERT:

Along with the other homecoming festivities this Saturday, tailgate commissioner Lynne Lins welcomes all Monarch fand to participate in the tailgate fun, which will begin about 5:30 p.m.

Be prepared to meet new faces and share the company of other Monarch fans along with chips, hot dogs, dips and more. Mrs. Lins can be contacted at (818) 996-5217 for all inquiries.

Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

Jacques Desir, #22 struggles to hold onto the ball as a Cougar wide receiver tries to strip it during Saturday's game versus Southwest.

VALLEY vs. MOORPARK

Pre-Game Statistics

Monarchs vs. Moorpark

Records:	Overall	Division
Valley	7-1	4-0
Moorpark	7-1	4-0

Rushing:	Games	Carries	Net Yards	AVG	TD
Marcus Harvey	8	114	849	7.4	13
Ivan McCrae	7	68	438	6.4	9
Bryan Wilkins	6	63	407	6.5	2

Passing:	Games	PA	PC	PCT	NYDS	AVG	TD
Dave Lins	8	198	130	65.7	1707	13.1	16
Taj Lewis	7	108	50	46.3	944	18.9	11

Total Offense:	Games	Plays	Rush	Pass	Net Yards
Dave Lins	8	225	-17	1707	1690
Taj Lewis	7	156	335	944	1279

Leading Receivers:	Games	PC	NYDS	AVG	TD
Eric Ruhle	8	41	814	19.9	11
Joey Orlando	8	32	370	11.6	2
Eric Carpenter	8	24	303	12.6	1
Leaford Hackett	8	22	210	9.5	0
Leodes Van Buren	7	15	238	15.9	4

All Purpose Rushing:	Games	Rush	Rec	Ret	NYDS	TD
Marcus Harvey	8	849	136	358	1343	15
Ivan McCrae	7	438	43	407	888	10

Team Offense:	Games	Rush	Pass	NYDS	FD	AVG/Game
Valley	8	1261	2336	3579	149	449.6
Moorpark	7	1848	1184	3032	132	433.1

Team Defense:	Games	Rush	Pass	NYDS	FD	AVG/Game
Valley	8	948	1522	2470	129	308.8
Moorpark	7	674	842	1516	97	216.6

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